

# BOOK REVIEWS

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**THE ELBOW**—Edited by Thomas G. Wadsworth, MChOrth, FRCS, FRCS; Foreword by S. Benjamin Fowler, MD. Churchill Livingstone Inc., 19 West 44th Street, New York, NY (10036), 1982. 354 pages, \$50.00.

This book presents an extensive amount of information relating to the elbow joint and its approximate structures. The editor and other authors are generally well known to orthopedic surgeons in the United States.

There are ten sections or chapters with a total of 354 pages. The information presented represents a wide scope from embryology through biomechanics, pathology, and diagnosis and treatment of disease and injuries. Each section is the work of different authors, which could have resulted in loss of continuity and duplication of information. The editor, however, has blended these sections into a cohesive unit.

The volume is an attractive, well-bound book with clean, well-spaced print on durable semigloss paper. Each page is double columned, promoting ease and rapid reading. The illustrations are clear and appropriate but slightly out of phase as relates to the text.

This book is a valuable addition to any medical library. It is of most value to orthopedic surgeons in training or practice. It is not appropriate for a quick "how to" reference for general physicians.

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**CURRENT PEDIATRIC DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT**—Seventh Edition—C. Henry Kempe, MD; Henry K. Silver, MD; Donough O'Brien, MD, FRCP, and Associate Authors. Lange Medical Publications, Drawer L, Los Altos, CA (94022), 1982. 1,106 pages, \$26.00.

The title of this textbook is most appropriate; the editors and contributors have again provided a thorough revision of the earlier edition. The information contained is indeed current and the scope includes virtually all topics of importance to the pediatrician and others responsible for providing child health care. The stated goal of providing "an up-to-date reference and study resource for all child health professions as well as for students and house staff in pediatrics and family medicine" has been fully met.

Chapters and sections worthy of special comment include the thoroughly revised chapters on newborn infants, bacterial and spirochetal infections, nutrition, developmental and learning problems, genetic and chromosomal disorders and immunology. The chapter concerning parasitic infections will be particularly useful for those responsible for the care of children recently entering the United States and those dealing with mycotic infections and unusual forms of bacterial and viral disease will similarly be particularly valuable for those dealing with children with impaired resistance.

The "new diseases" and recently recognized variants of well-known clinical entities have been covered accurately and concisely. The chapter on drug therapy provides a useful guide, but must be supplemented by the specific information provided in package inserts.

Many tables and diagrams are supplied that offer useful summaries of the data as presented and the in-

clusion of numerous pertinent and current references extends the value of this text substantially. Thus additional information is made available should more background or more detailed information be needed by the reader. A complete and detailed index is provided to assist the reader in locating specific areas and related topics readily.

This text includes a remarkable amount of information and it is perhaps the greatest bargain in pediatric texts today. Every library, clinic and pediatrician's office should have access to this book, and it will be consulted frequently.

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**OFFICE GYNECOLOGY**—Second Edition. Edited by Robert H. Glass. The Williams & Wilkins Company, 428 E. Preston St., Baltimore, MD (21202), 1981. 360 pp, illustrated, \$32.00.

The office practice of gynecology is the most frequent patient contact between the female patient and the physician. Unfortunately, it also is the least mentioned in standard textbooks of gynecology.

*Office Gynecology* by Dr. Glass is an excellent attempt to overcome this deficiency. He has put together a group of outstanding physicians and has developed a comprehensive view of office gynecology. This is the second edition and chapters on antenatal diagnosis, benign breast disease, primary dysmenorrhea, urinary tract infections and nutrition have been added. These new chapters make the second edition a much better book as they further scan the scope of office practice for the physician.

The book is easy to read and the authors have given each of their presentations in a logical format. If there is any criticism it is that the material appears less thorough than usually seen in a standard textbook. However, the book does give an excellent overview and, for physicians who desire greater detail, most chapters have references.

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**ULTRASTRUCTURAL APPEARANCES OF TUMORS—A Diagnostic Atlas**—Douglas W. Henderson, MB, BS, FRCPA, and John M. Papadimitriou, MD, PhD, MRCPA, FRCPA; Foreword by Richard L. Kempson, MD. Churchill Livingstone Inc, 19 West 44th St., New York, NY (10036), 1982. 409 pages, illustrated, \$89.00.

The electron microscope has extended the observational capacity of histologists, whether interested in normal structure or disease. In the latter instance, pathologists have applied these techniques, successfully, to a variety of disease states, including neoplasms. These authors have compiled in a single text, both a catalogue of information concerning ultrastructural features of neoplasia and representative samples taken therefrom. They start with the premise, a valid one, that the ultrastructural appearance of cancer has not provided diagnostic differentiation between proliferative lesions of a